Please amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims:

- 1. (original) A gun barrel with a breech end and an open end and a bore disposed between the breech end and the open end, comprising:
  - (a) an outer support layer on an outside surface extending from the breech end to the open end;
  - (b) an inner support layer lining the bore of the gun barrel and extending from the breech end to the open end, and
  - (c) concrete disposed between the outer support layer and inner support layer, said concrete having a compressive strength of at least 10 megapascals.
- 2. (original) The gun barrel of claim 1 wherein at least one of the outer support layer and the inner support layer is comprised of metal.
- 3. (original) The gun barrel of claim 1 wherein at least one of the outer support layer and the inner support layer is comprised of steel.
- 4. (original) The gun barrel of claim 2 wherein the inner support layer and the outer support layer are comprised of metal.
- 5. (original) The gun barrel of claim 3 wherein the inner support layer and the outer support layer are comprised of steel.
- 6. (original) The gun barrel of claim 1 wherein at least one of the outer support layer and the inner support layer is comprised of cardboard or a polymeric material.
- 7. (original) The gun barrel of claim 2 wherein at least one of the outer support layer and the inner support layer is comprised of cardboard or a polymeric material.

- 8. (original) The gun barrel of claim 3 wherein at least one of the outer support layer and the inner support layer is comprised of cardboard or a polymeric material.
- 9. (original) The gun barrel of claim 1, wherein the concrete has a compressive strength that is less than the than the compressive strength of one of (a) the inner support layer and (b) the outer support layer.
- 10. (original) The gun barrel of claim 2, wherein the concrete has a compressive strength that is less than the than the compressive strength of one of (a) the inner support layer and (b) the outer support layer.
- 11. (original) The gun barrel of claim 3, wherein the concrete has a compressive strength that is less than the than the compressive strength of one of (a) the inner support layer and (b) the outer support layer.
- 12. (original) The gun barrel of claim 6, wherein the concrete has a compressive strength that is greater than the compressive strength of one of (a) the inner support layer and (b) the outer support layer.
- 13. (original) The gun barrel of claim 7, wherein the concrete has a compressive strength that is greater than the compressive strength of one of (a) the inner support layer and (b) the outer support layer.
- 14. (original) The gun barrel of claim 8, wherein the concrete has a compressive strength that is greater than the compressive strength of one of (a) the inner support layer and (b) the outer support layer.
- 15. (original) The gun barrel of claim 1 additionally comprising a reinforcing element disposed in the concrete.
- 16. (original) The gun barrel of claim 2 additionally comprising a reinforcing element disposed in the concrete.
- 17. (original) The gun barrel of claim 3 additionally comprising a reinforcing element disposed in the concrete.

- 18. (original) The gun barrel of claim 1 wherein the breech end is closed.
- 19. (original) The gun barrel of claim 1 wherein the breech end is closeable.
- 20. (original) The gun barrel of claim 19 wherein the breech end is closeable with a breech plug.
- 21. (original) The gun barrel of claim 1 wherein the bore is larger in diameter at the breech end than at the open end.
- 22. (original) The gun barrel of claim 2 wherein the bore is larger in diameter at the breech end than at the open end.
- 23. (original) The gun barrel of claim 3 wherein the bore is larger in diameter at the breech end than at the open end.
- 24. (original) A gun barrel with a breech end and an open end and a bore disposed between the breech end and the open end, comprising:
  - (a) an outer support layer comprised of steel extending from the breech end to the open end;
  - (b) an inner support layer comprised of steel lining the bore of the gun barrel and extending from the breech end to the open end;
  - (c) concrete disposed between the outer support layer and the inner support layer.
- 25. (original) The gun barrel of claim 22 additionally comprising a reinforcing element disposed in the concrete.
- 26. (currently amended) A method of launching a projectile, comprising:
  - (a) providing a gun barrel of claim 1that is comprised of concrete disposed between an inner support layer and an outer support layer, and
  - (b) firing a projectile from the gun barrel.

27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein the projectile is selected from the group consisting of: rockets, rockets with satellite payloads, artillery, nuclear interception devices, and devices for fire-fighting applications.